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City of Rialto Property Pride Awards

Home of the Year



Ernestine Rice 150 E. Van Koevering Street

- The Home of the Year reflects an overall pride of ownership.
- The property is located in an older residential neighborhood within the city.
- The exterior of the property is well maintained.



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Distinguished Homes



Gary & Sandra Mansell 297 W Woodcrest Street



Terry & Karen Bryan 738 W Winchester Drive



Richard Adams
2075 Autumn Mist Drive



Most Improved
Kevin & Diana Chapman
1066 W. Buxton Drive



Best Curb Appeal
Varnell & Lonzetta Daniels
968 La Gloria Drive



Donald & Margaret Olinger 950 E Mariposa



Leonard & Kathy Martinez 916 N. Pine Avenue



Jaime & Marina Sandoval 991 N Yucca Avenue



Most Unique
Andrew Villasescusa
101 N Magnolia Avenue



Landscaping
Ramon Busso & Jaime Buzo
625 Holladay Place

Effective Use of

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Development Services Department What to Look For in 2005

he Development Services Department processed a wide variety of applications throughout 2004. Whether in the north, central or southern part of town, development is booming. There are several major projects throughout the City in some phase of Planning, Building or Engineering review.

The Agua Mansa Industrial Corridor area is located south of Interstate 10. In this area there are several large projects under construction, each unique in size and use. Several of the projects are new distribution or warehouse centers and expansions of existing operations, like Fed Ex.

North of Agua Mansa is the Gateway Specific Plan area. Beginning north of Interstate 10 and extending east and west of Riverside Avenue, it is one of the main arteries leading into the City. In 2004, this area welcomed new businesses including Subway, El Pollo Loco and Starbucks.

There are new retail centers being considered for this area, one of which is in conjunction with a Super Wal-Mart store. There will also be continued improvements to already existing facilities. Rialto Park will be renovated and will be getting a new outdoor stage.

The Central Area Specific Plan region is the city's downtown area. This area underwent a great transformation in 2004 and will continue to get even better throughout the upcoming year. In addition to façade improvements and new signage, there are some exciting special events for this area.

There are nearly one dozen single and multi family residential projects underway bringing more homes to our area. One such project is a 70 unit senior citizen housing complex.



The Airport Area is another part of the City experiencing rapid development. This area is located along the western boundary of the City extending from Baseline Road north to Casa Grande Drive. In 2004, this area saw major progress in the construction of the 2.7 million square foot ProLogis distribution center. This facility will serve many companies including Black & Decker. This area also welcomed a Farmer Boy's restaurant. In the upcoming year, there will be expansion of some existing facilities along with new construction of a veterinary hospital and a 3.3 million square foot Target distribution center.



Other areas in the city continue to grow with new development geared toward providing services to the residents of Rialto. We will see new medical and other professional businesses, retail stores, restaurants and more.

The Department's mission is to provide excellence from conception to completion by serving all of our customers' Planning, Building and Engineering needs with quality, timely and professional support at the public counter.

The Development Services Department - We help to develop success!

If you have any questions about current or future development in the City of Rialto, please contact us at (909) 421-7246.

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How-To Guide On Being A Good Neighbor and Avoiding Code Enforcement Problems

Economic/Redevelopment Agency, Housing Division and City of Rialto Police Department, Code Enforcement Division

he City of Rialto's Code Enforcement Division receives over 2,000 requests for service each year on community issues ranging from aesthetics to health and safety violations. Most calls are from neighbors who care about the appearance of their neighborhood. In general, continual maintenance of your property will protect your investment and project a positive image of your neighborhood. In addition, good maintenance practices will reduce the possibility of being subjected to an enforcement action, which can include fines and penalties. Below are some helpful hints to assist you.

Property Self-Evaluation

- My trash cans can be seen from the street.
- ♦ I have trash and debris in my yard.
- I have stored boxes, building material, furniture and/or appliances in my yard, which can be seen from the street or my neighbor's property.
- I have a car that does not work which can be seen from the street or my neighbor's property.
- ♦ I have a car, camper, trailer, etc. parked on the lawn or dirt.
- ♦ My bushes, trees or grass are overgrown and/or dead.
- ♦ The outside of my house has peeling paint, rotted wood, or missing stucco.
- My roof has missing or lifting shingles.
- ♦ I have broken windows.
- ♦ I cannot see my house numbers from the street.
- My fence is falling down or has boards missing.
- ♦ I cannot see the bottom of my swimming pool.
- ♦ There are unfenced areas around my swimming pool.
- ♦ I have a car for sale parked on the street.
- ♦ I have clotheslines, or clothes hanging on fencing or balconies that can be seen from the street.

If you answered YES to any of the above statements, you are in violation of the Rialto Municipal Code. Please make corrections to avoid a code enforcement action. This handout is not all-inclusive or code-specific, but represents some commonly neglected areas.

Vehicle Storage

- Inoperable vehicles shall not be parked or stored where visible from public view or from view of neighboring on adjacent properties. Inoperable vehicles must be parked and stored on a paved surface or other surface as approved by the City Engineer.
- Parking or storage of campers, boats, trailers, recreational vehicles or similar vehicles, on lawns, landscaped areas or other non-paved surfaces is prohibited.
- Vehicles, boats, trailers, recreational vehicles or similar vehicles with "for sale" displays shall not be parked in the street. When displaying such a vehicle with a "for sale" sign, the vehicle must be parked in the driveway and must be registered to the address where the vehicle is being displayed.
- Automobile repair and the painting of vehicles in a residential zone is prohibited. The one exception is that emergency automobile repairs may be made, provided that the vehicle is currently registered to the person residing at the address where the emergency repairs are being made.

Address

 Structures and curbs must be clearly marked to identify the address numbers. The numbers allow for quick identification for emergency vehicles.

Building Condition

- Roofs must be maintained to provide adequate weather protection at all times.
- Broken windows must be repaired or replaced immediately. Windows must provide adequate weather protection at all times.
- Buildings must be painted or stucco coated and maintained to provide adequate weather protection and aid in maintaining the aesthetic quality of the City.

Property Condition

- Approved trash cans must be stored out of view at all times except when placed out for pickup. Trash containers shall not be placed out for pickup until after sundown of the day prior to pickup and must be removed prior to sunup of the day following pickup.
- Lawns, landscaping, shrubbery, trees or other vegetation must be maintained in a healthy manner at all times.
- Visible storage of boxes, construction material and equipment, furniture, household equipment, etc. is prohibited.
- Yards must be maintained free of all trash and debris at all times.
- Fences and walls must be maintained in a state of repair and be attractive in appearance at all times.
- Swimming pools must be maintained at all times with the proper chemical balance and have functioning swimming pool equipment, i.e. filters and pumps, and fencing.
- The use of extension cords exceeding six feet (6') in length and visible from public view or from view of neighboring or adjacent properties is prohibited.
- Clotheslines, clothes on fences or balconies, in the front or side yards visible from public view are prohibited.

To Report a Violation: Code Enforcement (909) 820-2636

Will anyone find out that I complained?

No. Your name and telephone number remain confidential at all times. Do not think of your call as a complaint, but rather as helping to improve the appearance of the City. You are helping to protect the property values of all Rialto property owners. Many times the owner does not know a violation has occurred.

What do I have to say when I call in?

Please provide the address of the property you believe is in violation of the Rialto Municipal Code, and state what you believe is wrong with the property.

Graffiti

 It is unlawful to allow graffiti to remain on any building, wall, fence or structure within the City.

> 24-Hour Graffiti Hotline (909) 820-2670



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Swiftwater Rescue

hortly after 7:00 am on October 20, the Rialto Fire Department responded to a report of a vehicle stalled near the intersection of West Second and North Cactus Avenues. Upon arrival, fire personnel found two vehicles that were stalled and stranded in the street with fast moving and rising water, and with victims trapped inside.

Firefighters quickly donned the appropriate safety gear, deployed the aerial ladder from Truck 201 (which was recently purchased with Utility Users Tax funds) and positioned it next to the first stranded vehicle. Five victims (three children, one infant and one adult) were pulled to safety from the vehicle. Additionally, two adult males were pulled to safety, by fire crews, from another stranded vehicle that was nearby.

All of the victims were rescued without injury. They were evaluated by Rialto Fire Department Paramedics and then released. Twelve firefighters responded to the incident. There were no injuries to civilian or fire department personnel.

It is vitally important to avoid driving vehicles through intersections or on streets that are flooded with fast moving water. If you do get stuck, stay inside the vehicle and wait for help. Call 911 if you have a cell phone.

Utility Users Tax Paid for New Fire Truck

hen seeking the community's support for establishing an 8% Utility Users Tax, narrowly defined parameters were established for spending those new funds based on the priorities of our residents.

"T201" is Rialto Fire Department's new ladder truck. It has a 105-foot aerial device with water pumping capability. This unit has the ability to reach the tenth floor of a high-rise building, much higher than any building now in Rialto. As demonstrated in a recent swiftwater rescue, its real benefit lies in its enormous reach. The boom with its water cannon at the end can reach over and past most obstacles to get to problems lying beyond. This increases the safety and effectiveness of our fire and rescue crews.

The Rialto Fire Department is proud to report the progress it has made in meeting its commitment to safeguard this community and in honoring its Utility Users Tax promises.

